



September 28, 2019

**VIA E-MAIL THROUGH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

The Honorable Joseph Maguire  
Acting Director of National Intelligence  
Office of the Director of National Intelligence  
Washington, DC 20511

**RE: Safety Concerns Regarding the Intelligence Community Whistleblower**

Dear Acting Director Maguire:

Thank you for your unqualified support of our client's statutory Whistleblower rights during your testimony at the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("HPSCI") hearing last Thursday, and also for your unwavering insistence that our client "did the right thing" and "followed the law every step of the way."

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you of serious concerns we have regarding our client's personal safety. We appreciate your office's support thus far to activate appropriate resources to ensure their safety.

The events of the past week have heightened our concerns that our client's identity will be disclosed publicly and that, as a result, our client will be put in harm's way. On September 26, 2019, the President of the United States said the following:

**I want to know who's the person that gave the Whistleblower, who's the person that gave the Whistleblower the information, because that's close to a spy. You know what we used to do in the old days when we were smart? Right? With spies and treason, right? We used to handle them a little differently than we do now.**

The fact that the President's statement was directed to "the person that gave the Whistleblower the information" does nothing to assuage our concerns for our client's safety. Moreover, certain individuals have issued a \$50,000 "bounty" for "any information" relating to our client's identity. Unfortunately, we expect this situation to worsen, and to become even more dangerous for our client and any other whistleblowers, as Congress seeks to investigate this matter.



Thank you for your immediate attention to the matters noted above. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Bakaj  
Lead Attorney for the Intelligence Community Whistleblower

Enclosures: None.

cc: The Honorable Michael Atkinson,  
Intelligence Community Inspector General  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence



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The Honorable Richard Burr  
Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
The Honorable Mark Warner  
Vice Chairman, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff  
Chairman, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
The Honorable Devin Nunes  
Ranking Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: Safety Concerns Regarding the Intelligence Community Whistleblower**

Dear Chairman Burr, Chairman Schiff, Vice Chairman Warner, and Ranking Member Nunes:

Enclosed please find correspondence to Acting Director Maguire conveying our serious concerns for our client's personal safety, as well as for others connected to this matter. Our concerns apply directly to the efforts your Committees wish to undertake.

Therefore, we call upon the political leadership of both parties to speak out in favor of whistleblower protection and reiterate that this is a protected system where retaliation is not permitted, whether direct or implied. We further expect that political leaders from both parties condemn any intimidation against our client and others.

I thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Bakaj

Enclosures: As stated.